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SUBJECT: SOME OF JOURNALISTS' DOCUMENTS ARE RETURNED

REF: PRAGUE 0520

1. ON MARCH 1 CONOFF CALLED ON DR. VANEK, ACTING HEAD OF MFA'S
CONSULAR DEPARTMENT, TO PICK UP MATERIALS SEIZED FROM U.S. JOUR-
NALISTS (SEE REFTEL). VANEK GAVE CONOFF TWO SEALED PACKETS MARKED
WITH NAMES OF HOFMANN AND COLLITT RESPECTIVELY, AND REMARKED THAT
GOC WAS RETURNING ALL MATERIAL WHICH WAS "NOT OBJECTIONALBE."
CONOFF REPEATED U.S. POSITION ON DETENTION OF JOURNALISTS AND SEIZURE
OF MATERIALS.

2. AFTER RETURN TO EMBASSY CONOFF OPENED PACKETS IN ORDER TO
INVENTORY CONTENTS AND DISCOVERED VARIOUS PRINTED MATERIALS
(INCLUDING NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS, AND RFE
SITUATION REPORTS), BLANK SHEETS OF PAPER (INCLUDING SOME WITH NEW
YORK TIMES LETTERHEAD), AND TWO CASSETTES (QUICK CHECK
INDICATES ONE IS BLANK AND OTHER FADES IN AND OUT). NEITHER
PACKET CONTAINED ANY NOTEBOOKS OR OTHER HANDWRITTEN OR TYPED
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3. HOFMANN'S PACKET WILL BE FORWARDED TO EMBASSY VIENNA AND
COLLITT'S PACKET TO USMISSION BERLIN FOR JOURNALISTS EXAMINATION.

4. IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION INITIATED BY HOFMANN FROM VIENNA
AFTERNOON MARCH 1, DCM EXPLAINED WHAT HAD BEEN RETURNED TO EMBASSY AND

WHAT WAS STILL MISSING. HOFMANN INDICATED HE WOULD REPORT THIS DEVELOPMENT PROMPTLY TO NY TIMES. HE ALSO NOTED THAT HE PLANNED TO APPLY SOON FOR ANOTHER VISA TO VISIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

5. PAO, USMISSION BERLIN MAY WANT TO INFORM COLLITT OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS.
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